

## Health Care

**A. This section should be initially completed by an individual or group of individuals designated by the information technology committee to be the section leader(s).**

<b>Health care factors to assess:</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>future actions</b>
Do health care practitioners use interactive video for specialist consultation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is interactive video available for emergency room consultation with primary care physicians?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is teleradiology technology available for rapid reading of X-rays by radiologists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are home telehealth technologies used for home health care visits to elderly and disabled persons?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are medical records maintained in a digital format in a readily accessible database?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is interactive video used for in-service training of health care practitioners?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does a local computer network connect health care and medical service providers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the major health care facility in the community have a Web site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the major health care facility in the community have an interactive Web site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do most health care providers have a Web site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does a local health care provider provide a 24-hour "ask a nurse" service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**B. This section should be initially completed by an individual or group of individuals designated by the information technology committee to be the section leader(s).**

**On a scale of 1 to 4, evaluate health care's e-readiness:<sup>1</sup>**

- 1      10% of providers have an informational Web site. 25% of providers have dial-up Internet access and e-mail accounts.
- 2      25% of providers have an informational Web site. 10% of providers store records electronically. 25% of providers have an always-on connection to the Internet. 50% of providers have e-mail accounts for external communication.
- 3      75% of providers have an informational Web site. 25% of providers have an interactive Web site. 50% of providers have an always-on connection to the Internet. 100% of providers have e-mail accounts for external communication.
- 4      Consultations are being performed using telehealth technologies. Providers have interactive Web sites and patient records are stored electronically. All health care providers have high-speed access for communication and telemedicine purposes.

**What are our strengths in the area of health care's e-readiness?**

**What resources and assets are available in the community to address health care's e-readiness? What resources and assets are available regionally or in the state?**

*The Nebraska Hospital Association ([www.nhanet.org](http://www.nhanet.org)) is working with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ([www.psc.state.ne.us](http://www.psc.state.ne.us)) to develop a plan to provide support for telehealth through the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.*

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<sup>1</sup> These assessment factors have been adapted from the *CSPP Readiness Guide* (<http://www.cspp.org>).

**What are some ways in which health care's e-readiness could be strengthened?**

**Does a more thorough assessment of this area need to be made?    Yes    No**

**C. These questions should be discussed and answered by the entire information technology committee or have community members provide input on these questions at a community forum.**

**In two to five years, how would you like your community to score in this area?<sup>2</sup>**

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**How would you prioritize health care's e-readiness?**

- 1      Low priority
- 2      Medium priority
- 3      High priority
- 4      Highest priority

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